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In re application of : WILLIAM L. COURTNEY ET AL.  
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INFLATED THROUGH USE OF A WINDSOCK  
Examiner : AVILA, STEPHEN P.  
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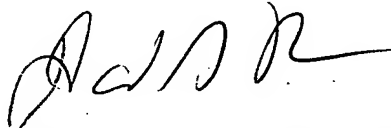
Pursuant to the telephone conference with Examiner Avila on January 9, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's citation of U.S. Patent No. 6,814,639 to Peterson and U.S. Patent No. 6,676,467 to Filsouf. Applicant instant application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/047,602, filed January 15, 2002. The filing date of all the

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subject matter disclosed in the above application was at least as early as January 15, 2002 and possibly even earlier in view of the priority chain listed in the application. The January 15, 2002 precedes the filing dates of both the Peterson and Filsouf patents. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the citation of these references as alleged prior art.

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